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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write to you today to show my support for the recent settlement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. Bill Gates has been an integral part of the building of this nation and for that matter the world's computing abilities. He has been ingenious in the running of his company. I do not believe that the federal government should punish this ingenuity. I do not believe that the federal government has the right to persecute Microsoft.

Given these sentiments, I am pleased that there may finally be some closure with this issue. Microsoft has been making many concessions to ensure that this occurs. For example, Microsoft will share information about the internal workings of Windows with its competitors, and thus allow them to place their own programs on the operating system. Microsoft has even agreed to the formation of a technical review board whose sole job will be to ensure compliance with the terms of the settlement.

The settlement offers an opportunity to end this lawsuit and returns the country's focus back on business, where it belongs. The federal government must end its pursuit of Microsoft.

Sincerely,

Edward Bailey